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SENATE RESOLUTION 37
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A RESOLUTION To honor and commend Stanley and Maxine Taylor upon the opening of Motherland Gallery.

WHEREAS, It is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable Tennesseans who bring culture to this State and thus broaden the horizons of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, Stanley and Maxine Taylor are such laudable citizens; they recently celebrated the opening of Motherland Gallery in the Mall of Memphis; and

WHEREAS, The Motherland Gallery specializes in reproductions of antique European furniture; the store stocks beautiful, ornate pieces at remarkably low prices, making those exquisite furnishings available to the budget-conscious buyer; and

WHEREAS, Hand-carved in Asia and Egypt, the majority of the pieces are solid mahogany; the store carries a wide range of furniture, varying from rare accents priced under \$100 to armoires, china cabinets, and beds that approach \$2,000; and

WHEREAS, This new venture builds upon the Taylors' established tradition of making overseas cultural treasures available to the people of this State; in 1997, they opened

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Motherland Import Gallery with the intention of bringing African art and handmade furniture to Memphis; and

WHEREAS, Motherland Import Gallery features furniture, masks, and accessories that originated primarily in West Africa; it has filled a unique niche in the Memphis community, one that had previously been overlooked; and

WHEREAS, Throughout its history, Tennessee has enjoyed the many benefits of a rich and varied culture; that thriving culture has been fueled by contributions from countless older societies worldwide as representatives of those cultures have brought their distinctive traditions to this State; and

WHEREAS, With Motherland Gallery and Motherland Import Gallery, Stanley and Maxine Taylor are helping to ensure that the people of this State will continue experiencing the beauty and splendor of foreign cultures; and

WHEREAS, In addition to their cultural contributions, the Taylors serve as fine examples of the entrepreneurial spirit which has long been the cornerstone of this State's economy; inspired by a desire to broaden the cultural offerings available to their community, they have built a successful enterprise; and

WHEREAS, The Taylors have earned the respect and admiration of their customers and their peers in the business community for their hard work, vision, and devotion to customer service; and

WHEREAS, it is altogether appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should pause in their deliberations to recognize these praiseworthy qualities and the Taylors' estimable contributions to the cultural fabric of this State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we join with Stanley and Maxine Taylor and their friends and family in celebrating the opening of Motherland Gallery and commend the Taylors for their exemplary contributions to the culture of their community and of this State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we wish them much success in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.